By the Honorable Sam Blakeslee, Ph.D., 15th Senatorial District: Relative to

Earth Science Week 2010

WHEREAS. The week of October 10 through October 16, 2010, has been designated Earth Science Week by the American Geological Institute for the purpose of encouraging people everywhere to explore the natural world and learn about the geosciences; and

WHEREAS, Since October 1998, the American Geological Institute (AGI) has organized this national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth; and

WHEREAS. Supported by the United States Geological Survey, NASA, National Park Service, AAPG Foundation, U.S. Department of Energy, ExxonMobil, ESRI, and other groups, and in cooperation with sponsors, the AGI hosts Earth Science Week as a service to the public and the geoscience community; and

WHEREAS. With the theme Exploring Energy. Earth Science Week 2010 will engage young people and the public in learning about Earth's energy resources and offer opportunities to discover the Earth sciences, and throughout the country, local groups, educators, and interested individuals will organize celebratory events and provide information concerning responsible stewardship of the Earth; and

WHEREAS. By highlighting the important contributions that Earth and environmental sciences make to our communities and inviting the public to become engaged in current scientific exploration. Earth Science Week will help to increase awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resilience to natural hazards, and the health of the environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR SAM BLAKESLEE, Ph.D., That he recognizes the period of October 10 through October 16, 2010, as Earth Science Week, and applicate the American Geological Institute for its efforts in strengthening geoscience education and for providing invaluable public information and serving as a voice of shared interests in the geoscience community.

Member Resolution No. 3613 Dated this 5th day of October, 2010.

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